organisations which have not got themselves registered under the said Aet and to launch prosecutions against those who are found violating the provisions of the Act by detecting/disclosing the sex of the foetus of a pregnant woman. States/UTs have reported that they are taking appropriate action in this respect.

Withdrawal of CGHS faculties to KVS pensioners

2939. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CGHS facilities extended to eligible pensioners of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangthan at par with other CGHS beneficiaries have been withdrawn recently; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the withdrawal of the scheme for KVS pensioners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The Government had extended CGHS facilities only to the serving employees and not to the retired employees of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in Delhi, Bangalore, Hyderabad/Secunderabad, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata.

However, some of the CGHS units, in different parts of the country had inadvertently issued CGHS cards to the retired employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. When this discrepancy was brought to the notice of the Government, instructions were issued to all the CGHS Units in the country to rectify the mistake by withdrawing the CGHS cards, which were inadvertently issued to the retired employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

Anti Cancer Drug Filgrastim

2940. SHRI MUNNAVAR HASAN:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nicholas Piramal received favours from DCGIs office for their Anti-Cancer Drug Fulgrastim;

(b) whether it is also a fact that DCGI office has leaked the information to press for misleading the facts;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Dr. Reddy's laboratory was compelled to withdraw Anti-Cancer drug from the market; and

(d) whether his Ministry is planning to investigate the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) M/s. Nicholas Piramal India Limited, Mumbai is importing and marketing r-human Granulocyte Colony-Stimulating Factor (r-hu-GCSF)/ Filgrastim injection brand name NEUPOGEN, which is the product of M/s. Amgen Roche import and market approval of r-hu-GCSF Inj./Filgrastim Inj., (brand-NEUPOGEN) was granted in September 1993 in favour of M/s. Roche India Limited.

Based on the efficacy and safety data generated on r-hu-GCSF Inj.-a anti-cancer drug in the country and clearance from GEAC, Dr. Reddy's Laboratory, Hyderabad, was also accorded permission to manufacture and market r-hu-GCSF Inj. on 28.06.2001. The reference given by Dr. Reddy's Laboratory for r-hu-GCSF/Filgrastim in package insert of the product were contested by the Nicholas Piramal, as actual literature reference pertains to NEUPOGEN (Filgrastim). Dr. Reddy's Laboratory was instructed to delete such references. No anti-cancer drug of Dr. Reddy's Laboratory has been withdrawn from the market.

In view of the above the question of investigation in the matter does not arise.

Investigation of corruption cases against DCGI and DG office

2941. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set-up a vigilance cell under direct supervision of CBI for investigation of various corruption cases of DCGI and DG office; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?